



The Schooner horse drawn wagon drove onto the field and cost Oklahoma a 15-yard penalty during the Orange Bowl.

# Title Thoughts Cost Sooners

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MIAMI (UPI) — The Oklahoma Sooners were so preoccupied with winning the national championship in the ratings that they forgot to do it on the field.

Coach Barry Switzer spent all of last week telling the national press and whoever else would listen that his No. 2 Sooners deserved to vault past No. 1 Brigham Young and be declared the national champion with an Orange Bowl victory over No. 3 Washington.

They turned out to be wasted words as Oklahoma blew a 17-14 fourth-quarter lead in falling to the Pac-10 Huskies, 28-17.

"It wasn't the fact Coach

Switzer put emphasis on the ranking," Oklahoma quarterback Danny Bradley said. "Only two percent of all college football players get in a position to win the national championship. We're supposed to be mature enough and smart enough to go about our business.

"We thought too much about the national championship rather than Washington and we paid for it."

There won't be too many plays from the Orange Bowl in the Oklahoma highlight film. That's what made the loss so bitter for the Sooners: they were the No. 2 team in the

nation but didn't much play like it.

The Sooners had the nation's best defense against the rush in 1984 with an average yield of 69 yards per game but couldn't stop Washington. Oklahoma hardly even slowed down the Huskies, who rushed for 192 yards including 135 by Jacque Robinson.

The Oklahoma offense fumbled the ball six times, losing two of them, and quarterback Danny Bradley was sacked twice for 26 yards in losses and also threw a fourth-quarter interception that led to Washington's final touchdown.

After Washington took a 21-17

lead, Oklahoma speedster Buster Rhymes tried to catch the ensuing kickoff on the north sideline at the 2-yard line and promptly dropped the ball out of bounds.

And to top it all off, the Oklahoma mascot, the "Sooner Schooner," a covered wagon pulled by two Shetland ponies, was assessed a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty when it charged onto the field to celebrate a fourth-quarter field goal.

Except that the kick was nullified by penalty and the wagon wound up in the middle of the Washington defensive huddle.



# Preboard

## Results of amateur and professional sporting events



### NBA Standings

#### Eastern Conference

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	27	6	.818	—
Philadelphia	26	6	.813	1/2
Washington	19	13	.594	7 1/2
New Jersey	15	18	.455	12
New York	12	22	.353	15 1/2

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	22	11	.667	—
Detroit	17	15	.531	4 1/2
Chicago	16	16	.500	5 1/2
Atlanta	14	19	.424	8
Indiana	9	22	.290	12
Cleveland	6	23	.194	14 1/2

#### Western Conference

##### Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	19	12	.613	—
Denver	19	13	.594	1/2
Dallas	15	15	.500	3 1/2
Utah	15	18	.455	5
San Antonio	14	18	.438	5 1/2
Kansas City	10	19	.345	8

##### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LA Lakers	22	10	.688	—
Phoenix	18	15	.545	4 1/2
Portland	14	18	.438	8
Seattle	14	19	.424	8 1/2
LA Clippers	14	19	.424	8 1/2
Golden State	10	20	.333	11

#### Wednesday's Results

Boston 110, New Jersey 95  
Atlanta 121, Chicago 106  
Detroit 108, Cleveland 100  
Phoenix 115, Kansas City 107  
Houston 113, Denver 111  
Philadelphia 118, Seattle 109

#### Thursday's Games

(All Times EST)

Washington at Cleveland, 8:00 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
Seattle at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

### NBA Boxes

#### BOSTON (110)

Maxwell 8-13 0-0 16, Bird 10-19 2-2 23, Parish 4-8 1-2 9, D. Johnson 6-10 0-0 12, Ainge 7-9 6-6 20, McHale 5-12, 4-7 14, Buckner 2-7 0-0 4, Clark 3-4 0-0 6, Carr 1-3 0-0 2, Kite 0-1 2-2 2, Carlisle 0-1 2-2 2, Totals 46-87 11-21-110.

#### NEW JERSEY (95)

Turner 0-0 0-0 0, B. Williams 4-8 3-4 11, Gminski 9-14 5-5 23, Ransney 6-16 1-1 13, Richardson 8-19 0-0 16, King 3-8 0-0 6, G. Johnson 2-2 0-0 4, Cook 3-12 2-2 8, O. Koren 2-3 0-0 4, McKenna 4-5 1-1 10, Engler 0-2 0-0 0, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 41-96 12-13-95.

#### Boston

22 30 26 28-110

#### New Jersey

24 16 29 22-95

Three-point goals — Bird, McKenna. Fouled out—None. Total fouls—Boston 11, New Jersey 23. Rebounds—Boston 40 (Parish 13), New Jersey 49 (Gminski 18). Assists—Boston 27 (Bird 10), New Jersey 23 (Ransney 7). Technical foul—Boston coach K.C. Jones, A-14,496.

#### CHICAGO (107)

S. Johnson 2-7 5-6 9, Woolridge 10-21 5-7 25, Jones 1-1 2-3, Jordan 10-14 5-8 25, Matthews 2-4 0-0 4, Oldham 0-1 0-0 0, Dailey 6-16 1-1 13, Greenwood 4-11 0-0 8, Whalley 2-4 2-2 6, Higgins 0-1 1-2 1, Corzine 1-5 2-6 4, Green 3-10 3-4 9, Totals 41-95 25-36 107.

#### ATLANTA (121)

Levingston 3-5 0-2 6, Wilkins 13-21 9-11 35, Rollins 3-11 0-0 6, W. Johnson 8-14 0-0 18, Rivers 3-5 7-8 13, Willis 2-7 6-8 10, Glenn 3-4 2-2 8, Williams 5-8, 1-2 11, Wittman 2-3 1-1 5, Carr 3-5 1-1 7, Hastings 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 46-84 27-35 121.

#### Chicago

28-24-29-26-107

#### Atlanta

32-31-32-26-121

Three-point goals—None. Fouled out—None. Total fouls—Chicago 25, Atlanta 30. Rebounds—Chicago 48 (Greenwood 10), Atlanta 45 (Rollins, Willis 9 each). Assists—Chicago 15 (Jordan, Matthews 4 each), Atlanta 32 (Rivers 15). Technicals—None. A-11,274.

#### CLEVELAND (100)

Hubbard 4-11 3-4 11, Hinson 5-12 1-2 11, Turpin 0-3 0-0 0, Thompson 5-10 0-0 11, Davis 7-12 6-6 20, Free 7-20 0-2 15, West 3-10 3-4 9, Williams 1-2 1-2 3, Poquette 3-7 2-2 8, Shelton 4-7 1-1 9, Bagley 1-1 1-1 3, Totals 40-96 18-24 100.

#### DETROIT (108)

Tripucka 5-14 3-3 13, Roundfield 3-6 4-4 10, Laimbeer 14-22 7-9 35, Long 3-13 5-6 11, Thomas 4-14 14-17 22, Johnson 1-8 4-4 6, Benson 2-6 3-4 7, Cureton 0-1 0-0 0, Tyler 2-4 0-0 4, Steppe 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 34-89 40-47 108.

#### Cleveland

28 23 20 29-100

#### Detroit

29 27 28 24-108

Three point goals—Thompson, Free, Cleveland. Fouled out—Hinson, Shelton, Cleveland. Total fouls—Cleveland 39, Detroit 26. Rebounds—Cleveland 53 (West 11), Detroit 55 (Laimbeer 21). Assists—Cleveland 21 (Davis 9), Detroit 25 (Thomas 13). Technical—None. A-7,366.

#### PHOENIX (115)

Lucas 2-8 0-0 4, Nance 8-16 3-4 19, Edwards 8-17 6-7 22, Macy 1-1 0-0 2, Holton 4-8 2-2 11, Adams 7-13 2-2 16, Humphries 6-9 3-3 15, Jones 3-5 1-2 7, Foster 7-12 0-0 15, Scott 1-2 2-2 4, Pittman 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 47-91 19-22 115.

#### KANSAS CITY (107)

E. Johnson 8-23 2-3 18, Olberding 7-11 3-4 17, Thompson 7-14 2-2 16, Buse 0-0 0-0 0, Theus 5-14 2-2 12, Drew 4-9 3-5 11, Thorpe 8-13 1-1 17, Woodson 5-13 5-7 16, Meriweather 0-3 0-0 0, Verhoeven 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 44-100 28-24 107.

#### Phoenix

27 30 23 35-115

#### Kansas City

33 21 32 21-107

Three-point goals — Holton, Foster, Woodson. Fouled out—None. Total fouls—Phoenix 23, Kansas City 22. Rebounds—Phoenix 38 (Nance 14), Kansas City 54 (Johnson 12). Assists — Phoenix 31 (Adams 8), Kansas City 32 (Theus 9). Technical—Olberding 2 (ejected), Phoenix assistant coach Wetzel, A-5,760.

#### HOUSTON (113)

McCray 7-13 4-6 18, Sampson 14-26 1-1 29, Olajuwon 10-21 7-10 27, Hollins 3-7, 6-7 12, Wiggins 5-11 3-3 13, Reid 4-6 0-0 8, Ehlo 1-2 2-2 4, Lloyd 0-1 0-0 0, Petersen 0-0 0-0 0, McDowell 1-2 0-0 2, Total 45-89 23-29 113.

#### DENVER (111)

English 14-22 5-6 33, Issel 5-12 0-0 10, Cooper 2-8 2-2 6, Lever 1-8 3-4 5, Dunn 1-5 0-0 2, Natt 11-25 6-6 28, Evans 7-14 5-5 19, Hanzlik 2-5 2-2 6, Turner 0-3 2-2 2, Totals 43-102, 25-27, 111.

#### Houston

36 24 23 30-113

#### Denver

25 36 24 26-111

Three-point goal—None. Fouled out—None. Total fouls—Houston 29, Denver 23. Rebounds—Houston 56 (Sampson, Olajuwon 13), Denver 33 (Natt 8). Assists—Houston 21 (McCray, Hollins, Ehlo 4), Denver 22 (Lever 6). Technical—Denver 3 (illegal defense). A-10,747.

#### PHILADELPHIA (118)

Barklay 6-9 6-9 18, Erving 7-12 8-9 22, Malone 9-19 9-11 27, Cheeks 6-7 1-2 13, Toney 4-9 7-9 15, Jones 3-3 3-4 9, Richardson 0-5 0-0 0, C. Johnson 4-5 0-1 8, G. Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Threatt 2-5 0-0 4, L. Wood 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 42-76 34-45 118.

#### SEATTLE (109)

Chambers 8-20 10-12 26, Vranes 2-3 2-2 6, Sikma 8-19 4-6 20, Henderson 5-11 6-6 16, A. Wood 5-11 2-2 12, Sobers 5-10 3-3 13, Blackwell 2-7 0-0 4, McCormick 3-6 6-6 12, Brickowski 0-0 0-0 0, King 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 38-87 33-37 109.

Philadelphia 28 25 29 36-118.

Seattle 25 36 24 24-109.

Three-point goal—None. Fouled out—A. Wood. Total Fouls—Philadelphia 28, Seattle 33. Rebounds—Philadelphia 33, (Malone 13), Seattle 39 (Sikma 9). Assists—Philadelphia 32 (Toney 10), Seattle 24 (Henderson 7). Technicals—Seattle illegal defense, Philadelphia illegal defense, Toney and A. Wood, A-10,362.

## Transactions

### College

Niagara — Named Mike Jankowski as media information officer.

Oregon State — Announced Dee Andros will step down Feb. 1 as athletic director to become special assistant for athletic development. Named Ed Sowash as offensive line coach; announced that defensive coordinator Tim Hunley, defensive line coach Craig Bolter and linebacker coach Randy Wegner are being retained.

San Jose State — Named Lynn Ellefson as athletic director.

University of Louisville — Named Jack Burns as an assistant football coach.

University of Pacific — Extended contract of head football coach Bob Cope through 1988 season.

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## First No. 1 nod

The two major wire-service final football polls won't be out until early this evening, but the USA Today/Cable News Network poll released Wednesday morning overwhelmingly chose Brigham Young's Cougars as 1984's top team.

BYU received 26 first-place votes to three each for Washington and Florida. In total points, BYU was crowned champion over second-place Washington, 789-751 (see listing below).

The USA/CNN poll — a survey of the opinions of USA Today, Cable News Network and Gannett Newspaper staffers — is not considered in the same authoritative class as the Associated Press (set for 4:30 p.m. MST Wednesday release) and United Press International (4 p.m. MST release).

Team (first-place votes)	Pts.
1. BYU (26)	789
2. Washington (3)	751
3. Florida (3)	746
4. Nebraska	689
5. Oklahoma	660
6. Boston College	648
7. Oklahoma State	625
8. Southern Methodist	543
9. Maryland	512
10. South Carolina	486





see what harm it is. Yeah, if defi-  
had an effect. It took away our  
entum."

vertheless, the Sooners came  
six minutes later to take a 17-14  
on a 35-yard Lashar field goal.  
he Huskies struck back with a  
quarterback. On the previous se-  
they brought in Hugh Millen, a  
er earlier in the year before giv-  
to Sicuro. "Hugh has a little  
ger arm and we were heading  
he wind in the fourth quarter,"  
James. "We knew we'd have to  
." On his first series, all Millen  
ged to do was complete a pass to  
nter. "I wasn't too excited about  
said James. But his second time  
e connected with Greene for 30  
e and then threw a 12-yard TD  
o Pattison, his childhood pal and  
chool teammate, for a 21-17 lead  
9:18 left.

en it was suddenly over. On first  
Washington defensive tackle  
Holmes tipped Bradley's pass,  
Joe Kelly intercepted it at the  
. Two plays later Rick Fenney  
d from six yards out for the  
's final score.

ked about BYU after the game,  
s said, "We play them next  
e whole nation saw us," said  
ason. "I hope they give us the rec-  
on we deserve."

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